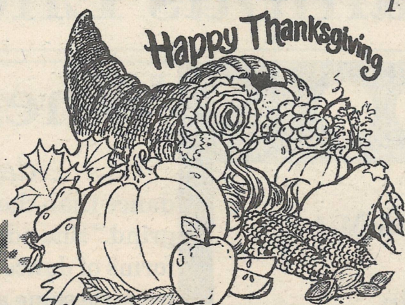




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Dance fever: Northwest students free to step and swing

By **Tristan McCoy**
Assistant Editor

Just a minor change in the Northwest University student handbook will prove a major impact for student life. Prior to this year, the university prohibited dancing on and off campus.

Now, there is no longer a dancing prohibition under certain circumstances.

The revised rule states that students "may not dance off campus where alcohol is served or where there is sensuous or erotic behavior."

According to Vice President of Student Development, Paul Banas, this "absence of a prohibition" is a minor change.

"After reading (the handbook) students could come to a reasonable conclusion that under the stipulations of no drinking or erotic behavior students can participate in healthy dancing off campus," he added.

For Northwest, this is the first revision that offers a less restrictive policy on dancing. In fact, Northwest's "sister" schools, like Vanguard University in Costa Mesa, CA. and Bethany University in Santa Cruz, CA., have also revised their dancing policy to reflect similar stipulations regarding student dancing.

The dancing rule went through hierarchical hoops like other student life changes.

An idea for change goes to the office of the vice president of student development, who works closely with Provost Jim Heugel and Campus Pastor Phil Rasmussen. If the student



Photo courtesy of Rebekha Smith
Emma Swanson and Tristan Herman went swing dancing with a group of NU students earlier this fall.

development staff agrees for it to pass, they bring it to the Office of the President (NUTOP) for approval.

The handbook states that evangelical denominations have stood against social dancing in the past "as an expression of their commitment to the Christ-exalting life."

Students can find the rule change in the student handbook online under

the section labeled, "Wise Stewards."

Banas added that his continual work on the handbook is "an effort to present our campus community values as a little less like the ten commandments and a little more like the beatitudes."

Jonathan Yorkowitz, resident dean of the men's dorms, said, now, people aren't "as tense with what they

should or should not do and who they tell." It's almost as if a "taboo has been lifted and dancing is no longer an issue students must hide, but rather students now have freedom to dance in a healthy way on and off campus."

"Before it was difficult to talk about dancing because a lot of students didn't feel it was wrong, but I still had to enforce the policy," added Yorkowitz. "Generally each case was and is taken situation by situation."

The minor change in the handbook has allowed many students to put their best foot forward.

"I wouldn't go before, but now that they've changed the rule I've gone and I would be more likely to go," said sophomore Morgan Chin.

Likewise, a swing dance small group has taken off. Anywhere from 6 to 40 students gather together twice a month for Bible study and immediately after, hit the dance floor.

Swing dancing "teaches trust and mutual respect for other people, as well as provides for a great opportunity to talk with and influence the people you meet," said junior Whitney Tyree.

Tyree's favorite type of dancing is swing dancing, the Lindy Hop in particular. Tyree added that now, with the rule lifted, she isn't afraid of asking fellow students to join her and having students be offended.

As a student, Tyree approves of the rule change "in every aspect." She believes that as a Christian university there are "perhaps certain forms of movement that should be discouraged," but there are "more forms of

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Senators propose transportation needs and going green

By **Tristan McCoy**
Assistant Editor

The fall 2007 semester is almost over and student senate attendees have discussed multiple proposals for changes at Northwest University. Some proposals include bicycle racks, issues of the environment, health, and the cafeteria schedule.

Katie Hauenstein, a senator for the Firs and head of the Community Improvement Committee, discussed student transportation needs. She proposed that bicycle racks be bought and made available. Hauenstein also suggested that the university invest in Flex Cars, a car sharing program.

Mainly, this would be for students who don't have a car on campus. They would pay a flat fee of fifty dollars and then could schedule to borrow the car for up to three days.

Other proposals encourage NU to go green.

Dr. Eric Steinkamp and student Josh Kendall, leaders of the recycling small group, have proposed that the university begin a recycling program. Specifically, they'd like to see a recycling system for the dorms and they are currently working on getting volunteers that would be

responsible for each dorm floor.

At the first senate meeting, Dr.

Eric Steinkamp brought an informational presentation about energy drinks. While currently no decision has been made by the university to remove energy drinks, an open forum for discussion and education on the issue will

take place. No specific date announced yet.

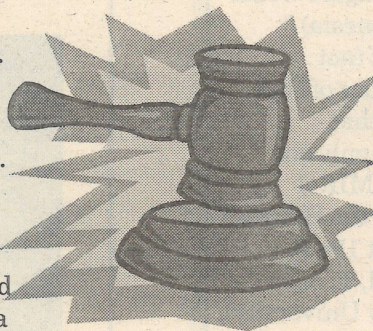
Steve Lenart, director of dining services, has proposed Sunday dinner

be moved from 8 p.m. to 5 p.m. Lenart is currently working on getting an approval from his boss.

Also, for the first time since 1985, student senate is taking steps to revise By-laws.

The student senate exists to primarily hear the needs of students. Voice your opinion to your senators about any changes you'd like to see happen. You can also participate by coming to monthly meetings.

Student senate usually meets the fourth Tuesday of every month, at 3:30 p.m. in the Davis Board room. However, due to Thanksgiving, their next meeting will be on Nov. 29.



Be sure not to miss these games!

Go Eagles!	Nov. 16 Women's basketball 6 p.m.	Nov. 24 Women's basketball 6 p.m.	Dec. 1 Women's basketball 5:30 p.m.
	Nov. 20 Men's basketball 7:30 p.m.	Nov. 30 Women's basketball 5:30 p.m.	Men's basketball 7:30 p.m.
	Nov. 21 Men's basketball 7:30 p.m.	Men's basketball 7:30 p.m.	

NU Happenings

Nov. 16, 17, 19 & 20

The Glass Menagerie @ 7:30 p.m. in M-1 Auditorium

Nov. 20 *Applied Music Recital* 7:30 p.m. in Butterfield Chapel

Nov. 21 *Shortened class schedule and No Chapel*

Nov. 22-23

University Closed for Thanksgiving break

Nov. 24 *Last day for Fall Art Show submissions*

Nov. 26 *Fall Art Show (runs through Nov. 30)*

Nov. 29 *HSC dedication* @ 3 p.m.

Senior Piano Recital- Brad Rohr @ 7:30 p.m. in Butterfield Chapel

Nov. 30 *Last day of the Psi Chi/Lighthouse clothing drive*

Dec. 1 *Last day to drop off magazines in Hurst Library for Operation Iraq*

Dec. 4 *Student Prayer Breakfast* 7 a.m.

Dec. 7 *Application deadline for ASB missions trip*

Where can I go dancing?

...dancing continued
Students can also go to Halo, a sister ballroom to the Century, where there is all-ages swing dancing on the first, third and fifth Saturdays of each month.

The small group meets in Perks Lounge at 6:30 p.m. twice a month on every other Sunday. After bible study is over (8:30 p.m.), the group carpools off campus to go dancing. The next meeting is the Nov. 18.

"I love this new freedom."

Bushnell says that this change has opened up peoples' minds to the "swing dancing thing."

She's seen many Northwest students show up to the Century Ballroom, a Capital Hill venue that hosts all-ages dances.

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"My small group loves it," Bushnell added.

For a complete dance schedule and more information,

visit:
<http://www.centuryballroom.com>.

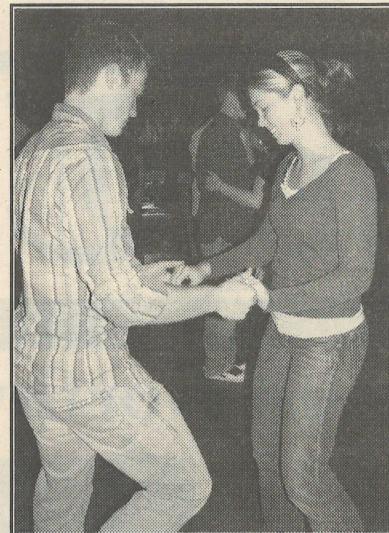


Photo courtesy of Rebekha Jared Burrow and Libby Hellwig Smith

Opinion

Letters to the Editor

Talon editors,

I would like to publicly thank Northwest University for installing new lighting for the sidewalk between the chapel and the apartments above campus.

In particular I would like to recognize Dan Neary (Executive Vice President) for his leadership in moving this forward from an idea to action.

My hope is now that we have a well-lit walkway the students of NU and our neighbors will no longer feel it necessary to walk in the street in order to feel safe.

Rex Rempel

Dear Talon Staff,

Just want to say thanks for your hard work in giving us a school paper. Because I am new here and don't know some of the happenings and events connected to NU, it is helpful to read the paper and discover what is happening on campus.

Keep going forward.

With appreciation,
Barb Houser

To write a letter to the editor, please send an e-mail to talon@northwestu.edu

Corrections

In last month's article titled "Heinrichs to help develop the Communication major", it should read, "working in an award-winning career in radio and television as a reporter and anchor..." "After completing her master's degree and all of her doctoral work," Heinrichs came to teach at NU and Seattle University.

To clarify the statement, "Her major regret as a student was not reading to learn," and Heinrichs wishes that she had "used the assigned readings more to enhance her own professional development (i.e. to think critically about how they applied to my career goals and understanding of the world) instead of simply being focused on getting an A in a course. She did the basic requirements to do well in the classes, but never bought the recommended reading her professors encouraged students to do."

Next, in last month's article

titled "NU sweethearts are the new missionaries in residence", it should read, "If they hadn't received a phone call from Northwest professor David Oleson last April, the Hougens would be in Singapore (not Indonesia)."

The Hougens thought (not according to the Assemblies of God missionary regulations) that missionaries are allowed only one missionary in residence (MIRs) position per career. And, the Hougens left Montana in 1985 (not 1983).

Lastly, it should read, Trinity Bible College (not Trinity University), "Yupik people (not Yubik)", "a saw mill in Haines, Alaska (not Bethel)" and "They lived in the city Bandung (spent 9 months learned the language) and then settled for 6 and half years in Medan, North Sumatra"

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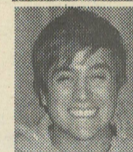


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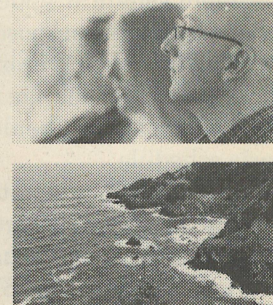
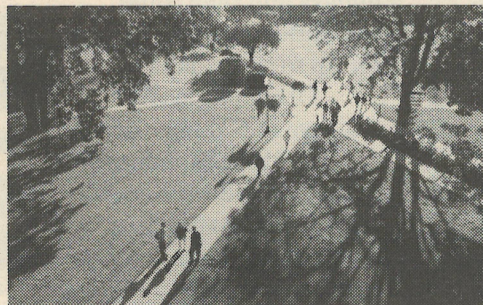
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It's all the in family: two Eagle runners go to nationals

By **Kate Dartnall**
Editor in Chief

Northwest's cross country team pushed through their challenging season and cheered on two runners, Leonard Randall and Beth Knudtson, all the way to the NAIA National Championship in Kenosha, WI.

Knudtson, an Education-Health major, is looking forward to going to nationals for a second time. Last year she ran the 5k with a time of 18:47 and took 35th place. At the Nov. 3 Regional I Championship in Olympia, WA., she ran the 5k in 18:24 and took 4th place.

"I'll take care of business," said Knudtson, a transfer student from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA. She'd also like to receive an "All-American" award, which would require her to place in the top 30.

This will be the third trip to nationals for senior Leonard Randall. Last year, Randall placed 111th with a time of 26:36 for the men's 8k.

"I'm looking forward to doing my best at this high level of competition and to placing better than in previous years," Randall added.

"It was ridiculous how good he did at regionals," said Swanson, a transfer student from Spokane Falls Community College in Spokane, WA. Randall ran, according to Swanson, "lights out", taking 13th place after running the 8k in 25:51.

However, Randall emphasized that timing is not a great indication of success. Instead, "the time is really dependent on the race and its course."

"The coolest thing was seeing Leo go to nationals. He has put in all the long runs and summer training. We want him to be blessed with the opportunity," Swanson added.

NAIA National Championship races will be held at Dr. Wayne E. Dannehl Cross Country Course in Kenosha, Wisconsin on Saturday, Nov. 17. The men's race will start at 10:30 a.m. (CST) and the women's starts at 11:45 a.m. (CST).

While Randall and Knudtson are excited for the competition, they are disappointed that the others aren't coming.

"It's not as fun when the whole

team doesn't get to go," said Knudtson. She also said there is "never a dull moment on road trips" and that this year she enjoyed getting to know her teammates on a deeper level.

"The team has a particularly strong sense of family and unity," Randall said. "You can tell the team cares a lot for each other and makes sure everyone does well."

According to Swanson, the team hit a low point together at the Cascade Championship Conference in Eagle, Idaho last month. There, the men finished the conference in 5th place and

"The team has a particularly strong sense of family and unity"



Photo courtesy of Kjerstein Bailey
 Alisha Baldwin and Leonard Randall at Regionals on Nov. 3.



Photo courtesy of Kjerstein Bailey
 Abby Schaufler, Katie Campbell, Alisha Baldwin and Crystal Gubler.

"A lot of the time, it's just you and your running shoes"

the women placed 4th.

It was difficult "trying to find meaning in that last race," he added.

Runners have also overcome individual challenges throughout the season.

Sophomore Abigail Schaufler says that cross country is a "true mental sport."

"A lot of the time, it's just you and your running shoes," added Schaufler. Running is her "release" and

without it, she'd be too stressed out for people to want to be around her.

Knudtson said her most difficult challenge were "not having KJ (Kjerstein Bailey) to push" her and developing a "self motivation."

However, Schaufler felt like Knudtson was a big help to her

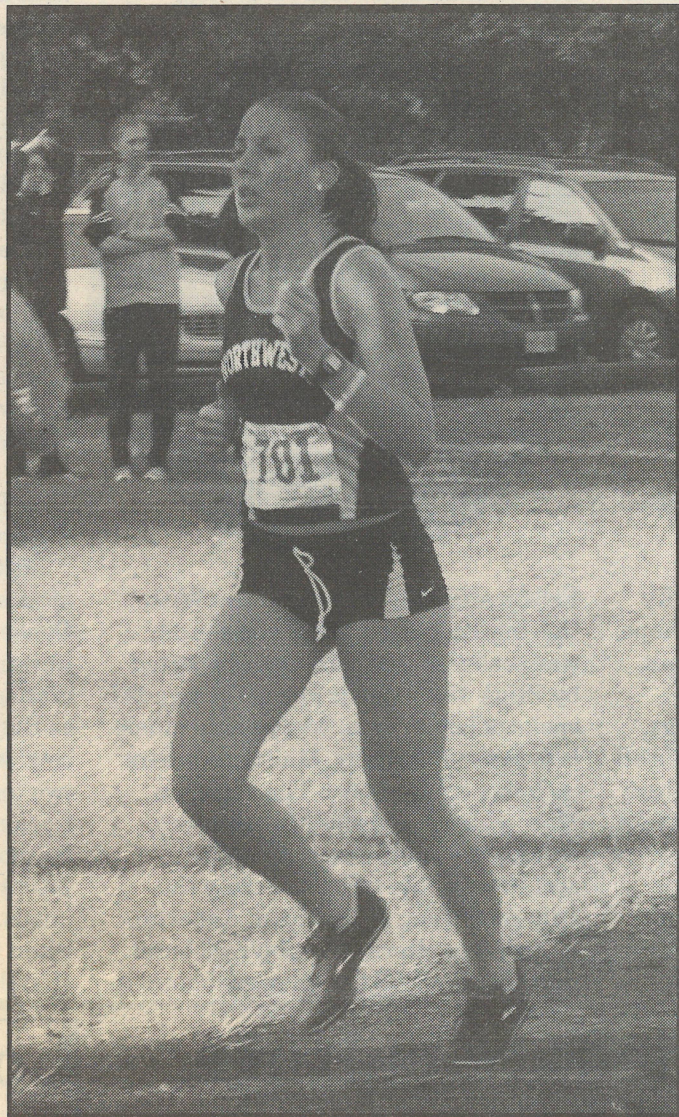


Photo courtesy of Kjerstein Bailey
 Beth Knudtson at the Willamette Invitational on Oct. 6.



Photo courtesy of Kjerstein Bailey
 Alex Croutworst, Jimmy Reed, Gabe Molinaro, Tyler Hart, Jerome Inge, Kyle Balda and Patrick Swanson at the Willamette Invitational on Oct. 6.

training.

"Not only just in running and keeping a calm head, but our long runs provide us the time to chat about everything," Schaufler said. "It's nice to know I can vent to someone at six in the morning."

Randall's training and competition ability was halted when he was injured in the beginning of the season.

"I was hit by a bike and broke my toe."

Randall was trying to meet up

with the team on the Burke Gilman trail, when the team started yelling at him about a cyclist on the trail. When Randall stepped to the left, the cyclist ran right into him and they both flew opposite directions. "We just freaked out," said Swanson.

Brashers believes that a lesson can be learned from the team's many injuries.

"The athletes learn how to react to these setbacks, and how important their attitude is in getting back to full strength."

Randall cross trained with a bicycle for almost two months before continuing in the season's competitions. "Coach Brashers has shown a great deal of integrity and devotion to the team."

Swanson mentioned that he sometimes takes Brasher's experience, as a PAC 10 runner, for granted. "He is a hardcore, premier runner and an excellent coach."

One misconception about cross country, according to Brashers, is that it is an individual sport. Regardless of individual success, with "a great team surrounding them, there is a greater sense of purpose and motivation."

"At the end of the day, we're like family. We love, cheer and stick up for each other," Swanson said. "I'll miss most, having that team."

This is Randall's fourth and last year on the team as

well.

"I've had a very good experience. I've been able to work with a lot of great people," Randall added.

Brashers says the seniors are "an amazing group." Seniors are Leonard Randall, Patrick Swanson, Alisha Baldwin, Beth Knudtson and Crystal Gubler.

"They exemplify integrity, commitment, faith, toughness and sacrifice. They will be sorely missed."

Seen & Heard: music has its own message to spread

By **Tristan McCoy**
Assistant Editor

The last show I went to I tithed \$23.50, waited two hours in line, was branded by a stamp and then listened in awe to the preachers with guitars.

My emotions were high and I became giddy, beaming with anxious excitement. I was in a room full of people, participating in the concert community and sharing ideals and emotions brought forth from the stage.

This reminds me of my last trip to church. Like religions of today, music preaches a message.

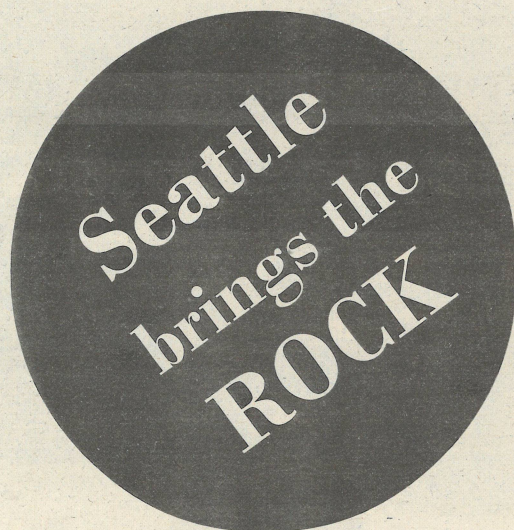
A good example is in a 1973 song titled "Drift Away", by Dobie Gray. In 2003, Uncle Kracker resurrected it for today. It will be impossible to read the chorus without singing it in your head, "Give me the beat boys and free my soul, I want to get lost in your rock and roll and drift away."

Kid Rock also sends a message in his very disturbing identity crisis. God bless his heart and I hope he repents, not only of his sins, but also of his terrible music. In his latest record, *Rock and Roll Jesus*, he explains on the title track, "It's all sex, drugs, rock n roll...and you can see I practice what I preach, I'm your rock n roll Jesus."

The question then arises, should a Christian go to a rock concert? Absolutely. Saints or sinners, all are welcome in music.

You have the right to believe that some music is better than others. This holiday season, make standing in line, paying for a ticket and getting a stamp on your wrist worth it.

Nov. 28: Here comes Motion City Soundtrack, Mae and Anberlin. Two pillars of indie music inspired Motion City Soundtrack: Sunny Day Real



Estate and The Flaming Lips. With this kind of inspiration a pop sound was produced and was once supported by Blink 182. Mae is one of the bands I spoke of last month, when I said music is today's philosophy. Mae truly wears its heart on its sleeve. The acronym Mae, which stands for Multisensory Aesthetic Experience, may not be accurate, as the lyrics are truly the only good thing about them. Anberlin, a Christian alternative pop/rock band, may just have all the answers bound in

a towering sound familiar to that of Emery and Copeland.

Dec. 3 In religion, there are many founders of faith. In rock, Van Halen is definitely a founding father. Van Halen is touring with original singer David Lee Roth and the Key Arena show will be sure to be filled with aging rockers. Depending on your denominational preference, you might rather see other bands. Iron and Wine, the stage name for Sam Beam, intricately ventures into sounds of blues, West African music, and whispery melodic vocals and guitars. He will be at the Moore Theatre. You will find me at the Tegan and Sara show at the Showbox. These Canadian twins have a keen sense of melody they wrap up in a nice package of 80's power pop and topped with a nice bow of bubbly keyboards.

Dec. 6 If mega-shows are your style, don't miss 107.7 FM *The End's Deck the Hall Ball*. The End host's the genius of local band Modest Mouse, Jimmy Eat World, Coheed and Cambria, She Wants Revenge, Spoon and The Kooks. Spoon is an appropriate name for this band, as they seem to have put pop into a bowl with indie and constantly mix the two together making catchy songs. The Kooks are confused. One moment it's Britpop, the next its angst-ridden vocals inserting delta blues intros...we'll see what they want to be when they grow up, but for now I'm glad they do what they do.

Upcoming

Nov. 16---M.I.A.

@ *The Showbox SODO*

Nov. 21---Evanescence

@ *WAMU Theatre*

Nov. 28---Motion City

Soundtrack, Mae,

Anberlin & Metro

Station

@ *Showbox at the Market*

Dec. 3---Iron and Wine

@ *Moore Theatre*

Teagan & Sara

@ *Showbox at the Market*

Dec. 4---Kiss 106.1 FM

Jingle Bell Bash

@ *Tacoma Dome*

Flogging Molly

@ *The Showbox SODO*

Dec. 5---Tori Amos

@ *Paramount Theatre*

Dec. 6---107.7 FM *The*

End's Deck the Hall Ball

@ *Comcast Arena in*

Everett, WA

Creating a debate culture

By **Kate Dartnall**
Editor in Chief

Northwest University is honored by its award-winning debate team. However, there is also a society that discusses controversial issues in a less competitive fashion. Last spring, senior Taylor Jones consecrated Talkback Society as a small group.

"We want to present arguments that people wouldn't normally hear in this community," Jones said.

Jones got the idea while visiting Oxford University last year on a debate trip. There, people pay dues to be part of the debate society. The society has informal debates, rallies and chooses members from within the society to represent them in formal competitions.

"It really is a cultural society within the university."

And, that, without the fees, is exactly what Jones hopes to promote on campus.

The purpose of Talkback, according to Jones, is not to be intimidating. Rather, it is meant to be friendly to people who don't know debate jargon and who don't want to be in competitive debate.

It should function so that "anyone can walk off the street and partici-

pate."

Members pair up with a partner and are given a topic. Then, they have ten minutes to prepare for the debate.

Talkback has put on debates for several classes at the university. Members have discussed the interpretation of scripture and talked about assisted suicide. The society has also hosted debates during chapel, as well

as presented community debates on feminism and immigration.

"It's really starting to take off," said Jones. So far, there are about 15 students, including 8 that have never been involved in formal debate.

David Meyers and Shauna Marshall also help run the group.

According to Jones, Facebook, an online social utility and blog spot, has helped get the word out.

Talkback meets during every Small Group Chapel. Those who go to first chapel meet in Hurst 105 and those who go to second chapel meet in Hurst 106.

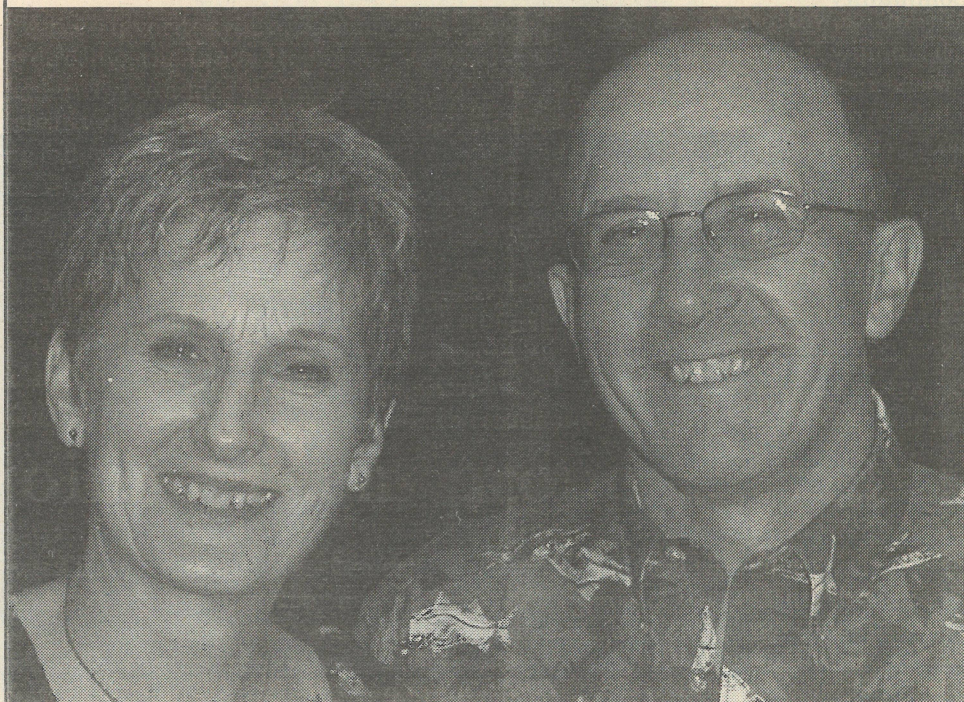
"I hope by the time I graduate in May, Talkback will have created a debate culture at Northwest," Jones added.

For questions or more information about the small group, please send an e-mail to Taylor Jones at taylor.jones@northwestu.edu.



Taylor Jones

Looking for a place to celebrate Thanksgiving?



Sheron and John Mohan

Photo courtesy of John Mohan

For the last nine years Professors John and Sheron Mohan prepared Thanksgiving dinner for NU students who were unable to return home for the holidays. This year they are also inviting staff and faculty.

The invitation reads: "Food is served at 2 p.m. You may eat and run or stay awhile. Come as early as 1 p.m. and stay as late as 9 p.m., but please arrive by 1:30 p.m. Dress

casually, but no jeans. Slippers are available, bring your own, or wear clean socks."

Come and meet some new friends!

Reservations are required so the Mohan's know how much food to prepare (425-822-0882).

The Mohan's house is located at 5907 111th Place NE, Kirkland, WA., which borders campus.

